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In re patent application of

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For: METHOD FOR SCREENING CANDIDATE COMPOUNDS FOR ANTITUMOR  
DRUG

**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please delete the paragraph starting at page 13, line 12 to page 14, lines 1 and 2 and replace it with the following paragraph:

Total RNA was extracted from leukemia cells and was used for cDNA synthesis. The cDNA synthesized was used as a template to amplify the MunI-EcoRV fragment, which contains the tandem repeat region found in mutants FTL3 cDNA, by RT-PCR. MunI-F primer (SEQ ID NO: 9/ 5'-CAACAATTGGTGTGTTGTCTCCTCTT-3') and EcoRV-R primer (SEQ ID NO: 10/ 5'-CATGATATCTCGAGCCAATCCAAAG-3') were used for the amplification. The amplified fragments were cleaved with